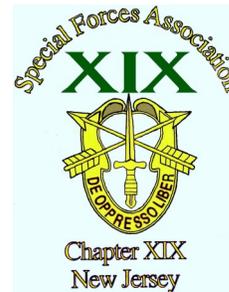




The Apex

The Ed Muller & Jim Miller Memorial Chapter XIX

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**Days are like ruck sacks, all the same size.
But some people just get more into them.**

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Walter Rosario



2015 Meeting Dates

January 18

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 16, 2015

Saturday
Annual Dinner
(No meeting)

June 21

SFA Convention

4 - 10 June

July 19

August 15
Saturday
Annual Picnic (No
meeting) location
TBA

September 20

October 18

November 15

December 20
Annual
Christmas
(Holiday)
Brunch
(No meeting)

Meeting Agenda

10:00 A.M.

Meeting begins

11:00 A.M.

Lunch Break

(Optional)



Doc Wilson and Dennis Cordoni Stand at honor guard at Walter's Coffin.

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Statement Balance as of 02/01 | 3,866.36 |
| Plus 0 Deposits and Other Credits | 0.00 |
| Less 2 Checks and Other Debits | 832.00 |
| Statement Balance as of 02/28 | 3,034.36 |

ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

Transactions by Date

| DATE | DESCRIPTION | DEBIT | CREDIT | BALANCE |
|------|-------------|--------|--------|----------|
| 2/9 | Check #270 | 357.00 | | 3,509.36 |
| 2/25 | Check #271 | 475.00 | | 3,034.36 |

Checks Paid

No. Checks: 2

| DATE | SERIAL NO. | AMOUNT |
|------|------------|--------|
| 2/9 | 270 | 357.00 |
| 2/25 | 271 | 475.00 |

This is the bank statement for the month ending 28, February, 2015.

ANNUAL STATEMENT TO NATIONAL

On the left side of page three is a copy of our chapter's annual statement as required by Federal law, sent to National for the calendar year 2015. This is our income versus expenses and the net to our chapter for the year.

The Quicken computer program that we use has made generating this report as easy as pressing a few keys. Without Quicken we would be required to pour over ledger sheets and perhaps take an untold number of hours gathering the information. For me quicken has

been and will remain a priceless purchase, it is also certainly is better than sliced bread.

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP

Since the passing of Walter Rosario, changes have been made in our chapter leadership, Paul Callamaras has assumed the title of Chapter President and during the March meeting he nominated Larry Taylor for Vice-president and Bob Mazur for the Assistant Treasurer. This is all within guidelines of our chapter By-laws and a copy of which is available to you upon request. Paul announced the changes during the March

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Annual year end statement of our financial position for the year 2014

| | |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Income | 6988.00 |
| Expenses | 7830.00 |
| Net Income | (\$842.00) |

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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cash In Bank(checking account) | \$ 4,017.00 |
| Savings | N/A |
| CD's | N/A |
| Other Investments | N/A |
| Property and Land | N/A |
| Furniture & Equipment | N/A |
| Accounts Payable | N/A |

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|---|--------------------|
| INCOME: | |
| Membership Dues | 1480.00 |
| Fund Raising, Special Event, Party/Dinner | 2580.00 |
| Fund Raiser, Special Event, Picnic | 550.00 |
| Fund Raiser, Special Event Xmas party | 1540.00 |
| Fund Raiser, Special Event, Calendars | 60.00 |
| Fund Raiser, Special Event Car Magnets | 80.00 |
| Fund Raiser, T Shirts | 40.00 |
| Grants | N/A |
| Rebate From SFA | 658.00 |
| Interest | N/A |
| Transfers | N/A |
| Total Income | \$ 6,988.00 |

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|---|--------------------|
| EXPENSES: | |
| Bank Charges | N/A |
| Printing | 374.00 |
| Postage | 399.00 |
| Special Events Costs, Dinner | 2872.00 |
| Special Events Costs, picnic | 135.00 |
| Special Events Costs, Meetings | 160.00 |
| Special Events Costs, Convention | 0.00 |
| Special Events Costs, Funerals | 0.00 |
| Special Events Costs, Calendars/magnets | 600.00 |
| Special Events Costs, Xmax dinner | 1348.00 |
| Dues paid to SFA | 1356.00 |
| Liability Insurance | 504.00 |
| Supplies | 10.00 |
| Grants | 0.00 |
| Telephone | 0.00 |
| Occupancy | 0.00 |
| Rebates/Refunds/Transfers | 0.00 |
| Contributions | 0.00 |
| Donations | 0.00 |
| Web Site Maintenance | 72.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 7,830.00 |
| Net Income | \$ (842.00) |



Arlington Cemetary, Jon Caviani's funeral. Bob Ponzo, Ben Nyman, Paul Callamaras, Brendon O'connor and Dick Nazaro.

15 meeting and everyone present at the meeting voted an approval. Shortly thereafter they took the oath of office.

CHAPTER WEB SITE

The Chapter web site is up and running, thanks to our web master, Lou Hernandez. Please go to- sfa19.org -and let us know what you think. Setting up the site was not a walk in the park and we are, for the moment, playing it by ear. Is there is something that you would like to see added or possibly removed? Let us know. Obviously if you do not tell us, we have no way of knowing that we either hit one out of the ballpark or struck out. There are practical limits as to what we can put on the web page. For example, one of my first thoughts was to have the chapter roster placed on site. Our thinking was that anytime a member wanted a copy all that he had to do was to press the print button on his computer and the roster is available in sec-



onds. That, However, was not a good idea. We discovered that after a conversation with Lou on this subject that per-

This is our annual financial statement as submitted to National. The Net Income amount of \$842.00 is a negative figure.

Traffic

Pages

Pages | Hits | Unique

o Last 24 hours: 54

o Last 7 days: 379

o Last 30 days: 2,906

o Online now: 1

haps it was too much information to post.

Two screen shots of the web site shown here are of the home page. Be aware that the background is constantly changing animation of camouflage

patterns. On the bottom of each page you will find a usage -traffic- indicator (in blue). It shows the number of hits the site has received by day, week, and month. Look at it and you can see that there is one heck of a lot of traffic: however, it is not possible to know who is on the site. Who visits the site is at this time not important. Among the items on the site you may, if you desire, download a copy of the APEX. In addition there are several tabs that Lou has also set up one of which is a links page. These links will take you to many other related web sites.

CHANGE OF VENUE

We have, since 1994, used the South Plainfield Holi-

day Inn as our base of operations. Unfortunately, the hotel management and staff are in what seems to be a constant state of change. My personal experience has been that the sales office is a revolving door. Every time that we enter the sales office we find a new face behind the desk.

Years ago, the original sales staff was very cooperative and interested in our business: however, that was then, and this is now. This time around, they have established a set of restrictions that gives good reason to look elsewhere. For example, we must now pay for a minimum of fifty guests, whether we have that number or not and unfortunately, we always fall short of that number.



Does anyone remember what was in this package?





Another event occurred to reinforce the idea that they are not interested in our business this occurred when Myles Capiello checked in for an overnight during the time of Walter's services. While he was checking in he asked for the military rate and was told that the room was \$119.00 for the night's stay. A short time later Paul, while at the hotel working on the party arrangements, asked what the normal rate was and the answer was that it was \$109.00. Egad!

CHAPTER COIN

During the March meeting we decided to investigate the possibility of a chapter coin, Ben Nyman and Lou Hernandez volunteered to do the research and when more information becomes available, you will be notified. Before we can launch this project, we must consider; who will supply the coin, the total number of coins for the initial order, the design for the coin, and last by not least the cost.

BIOGRAPHIES (OBITUARIES)

There are times when a chapter member goes on to that great drop zone in the sky that we encounter a problem with his obituary. Obviously, there should be an obituary in the Drop and the Apex. What makes this relatively simple task so difficult is that every so often much of the pertinent biographical information is unavailable or must be made-up from memory. We prefer not to "Make up biographical information." Therefore, we are asking our members to provide us with some biographical information that we can use as an obituary for the Drop and Apex. Don't do it for us, do it for your family and survivors. Our thinking is that if we say anything about you it should be accurate, factual. Simply put, what we put in print should be something that you would like to read.

A recent example of this situation occurred when Walter Rosario passed on. His death made this situation all the more obvious. Walter was asked to gather the information; unfortunately, he was not able to complete the task and I personally can appreciate why. It took the work of Myles Capiello and Rick Gentile to gather what



Despite our feelings for the Holiday Inn, we presented a certificate of appreciation to Robert, who faithfully served us for all these years. Thank you Robert.



Paul Callamaras administers the oath of office to Bob Mazur and Larry Taylor.



Paul Callamaras congratulates Bob Mazur and Larry Taylor on their installation as chapter officers.



Bob Mazur and Myles Cappiello are ready at the starting line to begin the "Bataan Death March." they started together and crossed the finish line together. After 26 miles that is something to talk about.



we have here. They put together a much larger package, but due to space limitations, we had to trim the package somewhat.

As I said, "I can appreciate why," Walter did not complete his biography. This I draw from my personal experience of what I went through when I enlisted as a seventeen-year-old boy, back in 1950. I did not write letters home for one simple reason, writing home made me home sick. Thus, by not writing, I avoided the homesickness crap. Put yourself in Walter's shoes, he knew that life was coming to an end and as I see it writing his own biography must have been very painful.

If you write your own obituary, your widow, family, and survivors will have one less burden to cope with at a time when they will be stressed to the max.

MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND

Yes, this is about that little book of green tickets that recently arrived in your mailbox. Our hope is that two things happened when the book of tickets arrived; first is that you did not throw them away, and second is that you will either have already purchased them or will do so within a very short time. Why buy them? That's an excellent question and the answer is simple. Just in case you need to be reminded, those raffle tickets are a source of income that is available to our chapter. Our share of your purchase comes in the form of a rebate from national for each ticket purchased by a chapter member. Our take from your purchase is one-half of the money that you send to National. If you send \$100.00, the rebate that we receive is \$50.00. Last year our chapter earned \$658.00 from your purchases. There is one caution, or reminder, about the tickets and it is that when you purchase the tickets and return the stubs to Fayetteville you must write on the ticket "Chapter 19". Obviously if you fail to indicate that you belong to our chapter, we will not receive our rebate.

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|--|--------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| No. 39276 | Name | SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION Post Office Box 41436 • Fayetteville, NC 28309-1436 Memorial Building Fund Drawing during Convention in June First Prize - \$ 1000.00 Fourth Prize - \$ 100.00 Second Prize - \$ 500.00 Fifth Prize - \$ 100.00 Third Prize - \$ 100.00 | No. 39276 |
| | Address | | |
| | Phone | | |
| | Chapter # | | |
| | Support your Chapter/Return the stub | | |
| \$5.00 Donation • Need not be present to win. | | | |

BATAAN DEATH MARCH

What in the world is the "Bataan Memorial Death March". It is a 26.2 mile ruck sack march on White Sands Missile Range desert in New Mexico. Recently Bob Mazur and Myles Capiello did the march together.

"The NM SFA chapter sponsored a water stop at mile 16 and Bob and I stopped and met the Chapter president. The other photo is both of us crossing the finish line. We started and ended together."

Photos of the march are on page 6.

There is one item that you need to know about the photo quality. They are rather fuzzy because of the ever present sand on the lens.

CELL PHONE LISTING ON THE ROSTER

Mike Carpinello suggested that we put cell phone numbers on the roster. Our first thought was, why not. So going along with Mikes suggestion we added the **CELL PHONE** column and now if you want yours listed tell us. It's up to you.

In a way I am locked into the twentieth century and will not post my cell phone number. I am cheap. My Cell is a prepaid analog phone (you know the type, it has a lid) and is for emergency calls only, nothing more.

While we are on the subject of rosters, you may, when you look at it you will notice that now there are a lot of Zeros wherever there was previously a blank cell. The reason for this is that this is one of the many valuable lessons learned from Walter. What he said was that in a data field, and the roster is a data field, there cannot be any empty or blank cells. This comes into play when we are doing a sort and looking for specific information, such as area codes or something like that.

TONY ANTONELLI

We heard that Tony is now a grandfather. Tony, welcome to the club. The good news of the blessed event has been received and passed on to you.

TAPS

WALTER ROSARIO

Walter passed away peacefully at home on January 29, and was laid to rest on February 9 at the General William C. Doyle cemetery, Arnetown, New Jersey.

He completed the SF Commo Qualification Course at Training Group and then went on to serve with the 7th SFG (A), 5th SFG (A) at Loc Ninh (1966), Vietnam. After his discharge from active duty he joined the 11th SFG (A) where he remained until it was disbanded in 1993. At that time he joined the 20th SFG (A) where he retired from the army as a WO2. In civilian life, Walter worked in Information Technology.

Walter served as our chapter president for Five years and four of those years were after he knew that his cancer was stage four. He continued to serve despite the medical treatments he was enduring. He was stoical and courageous and continued to serve our chapter until the very end. My hope is that when my time comes, and there is no way of knowing when, that I will be able to carry on as Walter did during his final days. Not once, did anyone hear him complain. During our last Christmas Brunch, Walter summoned up the strength to be at Woody's Tavern and most of us could not know that they would never see him again. We are confident that the overflow crowd was there to honor Walter.

A number of Chapter 19 members aided Sue, Walter's wife. The heavy hitters were John Welgos, Paul Callamaras Jr., Larry 'Doc' Wilson, Myles Capiello, and Rich Gentile.

Among the flowers at the wake were three unique floral arrangements. Two of them were from Paul Callamaras. He had two wreaths, one was the Special Forces Association flash, and the other was the 11th Group flash. You can see them on page two. Peter and Julie Aparin gave the third floral arrangement; it was a wreath of white flowers in the form of Walter's dog Dusty. After the burial, the two flash floral arrangements were placed at the



Walter and Sue's pet DUSTY. This floral display was given by Peter and Julie Aparin.

Nick Rowe memorial at Union Beach, New Jersey.

This is an email from that was received from Jim Walker about Walter.

"Hope and trust everything about the funeral went well.

Glad I had one last chance to speak with Walter and share his remaining enthusiasm for life and everything, everyone around him.

He was an inspiration to the last."

Jim W. (Walker)"

Sue expressed her heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our Chapter, as a group, for all that was done to help her and Walter through his final days.

Army Family,

I don't have the words to express how EXTREMELY grateful I am for all you have done for us during Walter's illness. Seems if I thank you 100 times, it will never be enough.

When he was first diagnosed, you all rallied around him and there was not a day that he did not receive a phone call from one or more of you. Those phone calls really cheered him (and me) up. We always felt you were thinking about us and were there to support us through the difficult period of chemo, radiation, and beyond. When others backed away, you came forth.

Eventually, when Walter was under hospice care, there was not one day that we did not have visitors. From December 15 until his passing on January 29, our home was filled with laughter, old army stories, lots of cookies, and enough cheer so that for a while, we both forgot about illness. He came to life when you entered our home.

The sendoff you planned for him was spectacular. I'm still receiving phone calls from people telling me how moving the service was. You are the best people on earth and I am fortunate to have been in your company for 30+ years. I will stay in touch with you and hope to see you at some of the annual get-togethers.

With Love,
Susan

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